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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: BLADE ATTACHING STRUCTURE OF WIPER UNIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract filed with the attached Abstract hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification attached herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-6 as follows:

1. A blade attaching structure of a wiper unit, comprising:  
an attaching groove formed on a wiper arm; and  
a connecting shaft provided on a blade for wiping a window surface, the  
connecting shaft detachably and rotatably supported by the attaching groove, wherein the  
attaching groove is provided with a groove inner portion having a larger diameter than the

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